

**George Washington to General Francis Nash, August 3, 1777, The Writings of George Washington from the Original Manuscript Sources, 1745-1799. John C. Fitzpatrick, Editor.**

**To BRIGADIER GENERAL FRANCIS NASH**

City Tavern, August 3, 1777.

Sir: As from a variety of contradictory circumstances, the Enemy's real intentions still remain ambiguous and uncertain, I would not have you at present embark the Troops as before directed, but keep them in a state of continual readiness for the purpose against further orders.<sup>1</sup> The Vessels should also be in constant readiness, that there may be no cause of delay when it shall be necessary to make use of them, and orders are given accordingly. I am &ca.

P. S. When you have orders to embark, give the same to the Artillery and see that they come on with you.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>ash was then at Trenton, 1.J.

<sup>2</sup>he draft is in the writing of Richard Kidder Meade and Alexander Hamilton.